

housed in so excellent a library and assembly hall. The idea of combining an assembly room and library was first suggested to the Board of Directors by Dr. Philip Mills Jones and his plan was only approved of after the subject had been most thoroughly discussed by the directorate and it was finally accepted as being the most advantageous proposition which had been presented. Money was appropriated for the purchase of books, for binding the Journals, and also for the purpose of furnishing the rooms. This has nearly exhausted the funds of the Society but it was felt that the limited funds at its disposal could not have been expended more profitably. With a reference library supplied with the best journals published, in the center of a district which will be populated by physicians, this library is destined to occupy a foremost position with us. We are to have a graduated librarian, and a stenographer will have desk room so that it will be possible to employ her services whenever necessary. It will be the aim of the directors to make the library of the highest standard possible commensurate with our income. For that reason I would beg of you to do all in your power towards increasing the membership of the Society, for our income naturally depends upon the extent of its membership. Before closing I desire to take the opportunity to urge each of you to do what you can towards making this Society what it should be—the representative organization of the medical profession of the Pacific Coast. This can only be accomplished by the exhibition of active interest shown by a regular attendance at the meetings, by the presentation of papers which should be presented voluntarily and relieving the executive committee of unnecessary labor. There is surely ample material in San Francisco to make it easy to present a good program once a month and with the members sufficiently interested this will be possible. Furthermore you are urged to make frequent demonstrations of cases and these will be given precedence over papers. It is to be hoped that the members will participate more earnestly in the discussions and that they will prepare themselves for the same. To this end it has been arranged that a program committee shall publish a synopsis of each paper read, at least a week before the meeting. Fellow members, I bid you a hearty welcome.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

The regular society meeting was held Wednesday evening, June 17, at the St. James Hotel, with fifteen members present. Hon. J. E. Richards, judge of the Superior Court, was the guest of the society, and gave to our members a most interesting and instructive talk on "Expert Evidence." Judge Richards has promised a resume on the subject, which will be forwarded to the Journal. Dr. Osborne told our members of the work accomplished at the recent state meeting. The committee on prosecution of illegal practitioners made a report of its work as well as a financial statement. The society extended the committee a vote of thanks for the excellent work they have accomplished in this community. The next regular meeting will be held at the San Jose Carnegie Library and if the members so decide, that building will be our permanent meeting place. The manager of the Hotel Vendome has extended our society the invitation to hold one of our meetings at that hotel, and to be his guests for the evening. The invitation was accepted with thanks, and the date of meeting left to the executive committee. After adjournment, thirteen of those present sat down to the banquet table, and by the way the good things disappeared, apparently no one had any qualms about that supposedly unlucky number.

K. C. PARK, Secretary.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY.

Amendment to the by-laws, adopted June 5, 1908:

No member of this Society shall act as physician or surgeon of any hospital association or similar organization, and the name of any member so acting shall be immediately dropped from the rolls and notice of such action at once sent to the Medical Society of the State of California and the American Medical Association. No member of this Society shall consult with a physician or surgeon holding a connection with a hospital association in his hospital association work.

R. E. AUSTIN, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS

Glimpses of Medical Europe. By R. L. Thompson, M. D., Professor of Pathology, St. Louis University School of Medicine. J. B. Lippincott Company. 1908.

This is the title of a little book, destined to make many friends in the medical profession. Its author has traveled wisely and well, and gives us his point of view on things medical as he found them on a recent visit to Europe. Besides visiting Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Russia—countries the average American medical man leaves out of his itinerary—the author has visited the usual places in France and Germany, and it is rare that one hears so much about them in so few lines. While no pretense is made of issuing a medical Baedeker, the detailed information which one finds in his book will be of very great value to any man who is going abroad to study. But this is not all. It is sure to awaken an irresistible longing for a glimpse at foreign clinics, for an apprenticeship with foreign masters, in the man who heretofore ignored European medicine, as well as in the man who, easily satisfied, thinks that his is the only country which offers unsurpassed opportunities for study. And lastly, the book will find favor at the hands of physicians who have been abroad, recalling their days in Europe and stirring many pleasant memories. The book is practical, it is entertaining—read it. R. B.

A Text-Book of Minor Surgery. By Edward Milton Foote, A. M., M. D., Instructor in Surgery, College of Physicians and Surgeons (Columbia University); lecturer on Surgery, New York Polyclinic Medical School, etc. D. Appleton & Company, 1908.

Of the books devoted to minor surgery, this one, in our estimation, is by far the best. Probably the most striking feature of the book is its excellent series of photographic illustrations. In these days the abundance of magazine medical literature is shortening the lines of text books, so that the dust of months accumulates on our ordinary surgical volumes. We are convinced, however, that this book under consideration will gather little mould of disuse. The subjects with which it deals are those encountered most often, and frequently dealt with in the poorest manner by the surgeon, just as the pictures are characterized by clearness, so the text is concise, sensible, scientific and right to the point. The blending of pathology and surgery, and the rational dependence of the operation suggested on the morbid condition and development, denote the trained, clear mind of the author. It is hard to overestimate the excellence and fitting character of any of the sections. The chapters on the surgery of the hand and on infections and inflammations are specially valuable. Almost equally good is the consideration of the various common tumors of the body, dealt with in minor surgery. In fact, after looking over the book with some attention the prac-